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Hodges' Best Hofi and Kaba Wool and Fibre Rugs are now in. If you are looking for some choice patterns in Rugs this line will surely suit your taste. They are all the latest designs.

ANGLO WOOL AND FIBRE RUGS—Handsome medallion and plain centre designs, size 8x12 \$6.75  
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Jointless Coochin 50 to 55-lb. and 150-warp Japanese Matting, good selection of designs; roll of 40 yards.

## CABINET OFFICERS HERE NEXT WEEK

Daniels and Houston Expected. Ambassador Page Will Attend.

Two Cabinet officers are expected to be among those who will attend the Conference for Education in the South, which will be held in Richmond next week. They are Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston. Both are scheduled to make addresses.

Letters received from Walter H. Page, ambassador to Great Britain, indicate his intention to be in Richmond and to make the final address of the conference Friday night. It will be his duty to interpret and summarize the deliberations of the many bodies making up the congress. It has been decided that no special entertainment of Dr. Page will be had in this city.

Dr. A. B. Houston, executive secretary of the conference, is expected to come here to-day, to remain until after the meeting.

Receptions will be tendered visitors at the Valentine Museum and at the Art Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 7 o'clock. Tickets must be secured at the conference office, since only 300 guests can be entertained each afternoon. The Confederate Museum will be open through these three days.

Governor and Mrs. Mann will give a reception to all visitors to the conference at the Executive Mansion Wednesday night, after the general meeting.

Carr's Hearing Goes Over. The hearing of P. J. Carr, the University College of Medicine student, held by the police as a suspicious character, believed to have committed forgery, and who will also face larceny charges, was continued yesterday morning in Police Court until April 18.

Thief Gets Sixty Days. Albert Snyder, colored, was sentenced to serve sixty days in jail yesterday morning in Police Court for stealing lead pipe from A. M. Walkup, a contractor.

## WILL DEDICATE BRYAN PARK GATE

Two Addresses to Be Made at Ceremonies Saturday Afternoon.

Announcement was made yesterday of the program for the exercises of next Saturday afternoon at Joseph Bryan Park, when the park gates, erected by the city of Richmond to the memory of Mrs. Joseph Bryan, will be unveiled. The hour will be 1 o'clock. Following is the program:

Prayer, Rev. E. E. Osgood.  
Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have."  
Address, George Ainslie, Mayor of Richmond.  
Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."  
Address, Judge George L. Christian.  
Thereafter, the gates were built by order of the City Council, at the request of eight women's societies, all of them largely built up by Mrs. Bryan's efforts. She was president of the Holywood Memorial Association, the Confederate Memorial Society, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and the Young Women's Christian Association. In the other four she was an active member.

Belle Bryan Day Nursery, Richmond Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy, the Virginia Historical Society and Colonial Dames in the State of Virginia.

## STUDENT IS HELD ON FIVE CHARGES

Said to Have Passed Bad Checks and to Have Stolen Books From Fellow-Student.

C. W. Barker, twenty-three years old, of Henry County, for five years a student at the Medical College of Virginia, was arrested yesterday in Broad Street shortly after noon by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellam on five charges of larceny, four of which consist of passing worthless checks, and the fifth of stealing a set of medical books. Barker, who was locked up at the First Police Station, is said to have admitted that he passed the bad checks and took the books, which were recovered by Kellam from a pawnshop.

Barker is said to have given bad checks, two for \$19, one for \$25 and one for \$5, to W. E. Cook, cashier of Sparks' Cafe, 712 East Broad Street. When seen last night he said that he had unwittingly overdrawn his account.

The books he is alleged to have stolen from R. B. Barber, of 505 East George Street, also a medical student. They are valued at \$35, and he is said to have pawned them for a small sum. Barker made several efforts to furnish bail, but at a late hour last night had been unable to get a bondsman.

"It wouldn't be so bad if my mother, who is in Henry County, and my young sister, who is a student at Randolph-Jackson College, of Lynchburg, didn't depend on me," Barker told a reporter last night.

Several months ago, according to the police, Barker inherited a considerable sum of money and is said to have spent it in fast living, and for the past few months has been inattentive to his studies.

He admitted that he had inherited some money. Referring to it, he said: "When you have plenty of cash you have plenty of friends. I spent my money freely; now look at me—not even a person willing to hunt up a bondsman for me."

Barker said he owned property in Henry County, and if there he could easily raise \$1,000.

He will be arraigned before Police Justice Crutchfield this morning.

## WOULD REBUILD OLD CITY DOCK

Palmary Says Merchants Would Save \$37,500 a Year if Ships Came to 17th Street.

That there would be annual savings in hauling charges to merchants of Richmond of \$37,500 if Old Dominion Steamships were brought to Seventeenth Street and the City Dock was the substance of a report made to the Board of Public Interests by J. P. Palmary last night. Mr. Palmary had been unable to get any estimate on the cost of rebuilding the docks and deepening the dock to the point where such steamers could be taken care of. Some members of the committee believed it would be not less than \$400,000.

Mr. Palmary said he had had an interview with President Walker, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, who had expressed his entire willingness to co-operate in the plan. The committee, at the point where such steamers could be taken care of, some members of the committee believed it would be not less than \$400,000.

Mr. Palmary reported that the present stone locks, a remnant of the old James River and Kanawha Canal system, were 150 feet long, while the steamers used by the Old Dominion at present are 265 feet long. Since the next steamers to be installed by the company will undoubtedly be longer, not less than 275 feet, the locks should be made sixty-five feet wide. Having no data in hand as to the probable cost of such changes, the board recommended to the Council that the committee on Dock, River and Harbor be instructed to look into the whole matter and report its conclusions, with estimates of cost of new locks, dredging and rebuilding the retaining walls of the entire dock.

## LESS THAN THIRD PAY MORTGAGE TAX

Only 30 Per Cent of All Mortgages, Says Easley, Are Reported.

### ROUNTREE DOES NOT AGREE

Believes Abolition of Tax Opposed to Best Interests of Community.

"Not more than 30 per cent of all real estate mortgages in Virginia are reported annually for taxation," said John C. Easley, at the Business Men's Club yesterday afternoon, offering that fact as evidence that the tax is a failure as a revenue producer, and its presence a standing invitation to equivocation and perjury.

Mr. Easley was the last of three speakers who discussed the subject at yesterday's luncheon. Le Roy E. Brown opened with an attack on the present law, characterizing it as double taxation and opposed to the best interests of both lender and borrower. The State tax on mortgages, he said, kept outside capital from coming in, drove idle funds to investment in low-paying government bonds, made necessary a high rate of interest, and militated against the merchant who needed money for his business, as well as the citizen who needed help in building a home.

Brown called attention to a booklet just issued by the Real Estate Exchange, in which the mortgage tax is clearly stated. Copies of the pamphlet were distributed to every one present. He expressed the hope that the next Legislature would provide relief by enacting a liberal mortgage tax law.

Rountree Opposes Change. Henry W. Rountree took a position diametrically opposite that held by Mr. Brown. He could not see, he said, how the present law could be called double taxation, since, accurately speaking, double taxation can mean only a tax paid twice by the same person.

"To repeal the present mortgage tax law," said Mr. Rountree, "would be to remove the most serious thing that could happen to the community. It would make the real estate mortgage so attractive as a form of investment that money would be drawn to it from channels in which it could be better used. It would encourage the practice of taking second, third and fourth mortgages on single pieces of real estate, because of the immunity from taxation such forms of investment would enjoy."

The agitation for the repeal of the mortgage tax law, thought Mr. Rountree, is based on the selfish desires of certain business men whose interests it would benefit, and ought to be broadened to include a revision of the entire State taxing system. He deplored the fact that the Real Estate Exchange had found it expedient to advertise in a pamphlet that the mortgage tax law is generally evaded, thus breeding a still further contempt for the statute. Mr. Rountree acknowledged that he appeared to be in the minority on the mortgage tax issue, and expressed the hope that the next General Assembly will work a readjustment of the whole taxing system.

Mr. Easley closed the speaking with a strong arraignment of the law which Mr. Rountree found so satisfactory. Drafted as a revenue measure, he said, it fails entirely to perform that function because it enables the less conscientious to shift their share of the public burden to the shoulders of the more scrupulous. The mortgage tax, he said, is a practice which would admit of no evasion.

The Supreme Court granted an appeal yesterday to Alfred Wright and Clarence E. Wright from a decision of the Circuit Court of Hanover County in favor of C. L. Collins, administrator of Charles R. Collins, in the sum of \$1,000. The suit was brought by the appellants on account of the appellant's failure to pay the mortgage on the property of the deceased.

Curators for Hampton School. The willing curators of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute were yesterday appointed by Governor Mann for a term of four years: W. S. Copeland, Newport News; J. T. Lewis, Richmond; J. C. Carter, Houston; Rev. W. W. Smith, Richmond; H. L. Schmelz, Hampton; J. M. Clarke, Danville.

Mr. Copeland and Rev. Johnson are new members of the office being reappointed. The two who have succeeded W. P. Burrell, of Richmond, and John B. Halligan, of Smoky Ordinary.

Gets Minimum Fine. R. F. Kuebler, charged with exceeding the speed limit, was tried by a jury in the Hustings Court yesterday and fined \$10. In the Police Court he was fined \$100, from which he appealed. There was considerable comment as to the failure of the jury to uphold the efforts of the Police Justice in breaking up the practice of automobile speeding.

## "Once Upon a Time"

Many a fabled story of fiction begins this way—because there must be a starting point even in a myth; the beginning of many a true modern story of a man's career and success might be told in the same words applied to his practical resolution to prepare for his future.

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## CHAMBER ACKLES CIVIC PROBLEMS

Entire Membership Will Gather at Smoker To-Night to Hear Discussion.

The Chamber of Commerce will gather its membership in the auditorium of the Richmond Hotel to-night for the purpose of discussing several important civic problems that confront the community to-day. It will be the first full meeting since the annual election last January, and a smoker at the end of the speechmaking will afford old and new members a chance to shake hands and get better acquainted.

Three speakers are on the program. The meeting will open at 8:15 o'clock with an address by John C. Easley on the question of extending the corporate limits of the city. He will be followed by Arthur M. Cannon, who will discuss the problem of reforming the demands of modern business. Mr. Cannon heads the chamber's legislative committee, which is now engaged in gathering data upon which will be based a model tax bill which it is expected to submit to the next General Assembly for adoption.

The third address of the evening will be made by Joseph C. Taylor, who will speak on the necessity for a wider exercise of the voting privilege. None of the addresses will be long. The general membership will be invited to a general discussion of the questions submitted, at the conclusion of the speechmaking. It is probable that resolutions will be introduced with the Chamber of Commerce as law. Commerce to such reforms as have not already been publicly endorsed by it.

### New Secretary for the C. & O.

A transfer issued by President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, announces that the board of directors has appointed Carl Remington secretary of the company, succeeding W. S. Taylor. Mr. Remington is named in lieu of James Stewart Mackill, the latter continuing, however, as treasurer under previous appointment. The same changes apply to the Hocking Valley Railway.

### APPROACHES TO BRIDGE

Street Committee Planning Concrete Arches for Canal on Both Sides. A subcommittee of the Committee on Streets will meet at the City Hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider the matter of approaching the new bridge. The committee consists of Messrs. Mills, Moore, Gant and Powers, with City Engineer J. L. Quinn as chairman. The bridge will be a good deal higher than that of the old bridge, and the approach will be a good deal higher than that of the old bridge. The committee has already agreed upon a modified grade of the bridge, and concrete bridges must be constructed on both sides of the canal, and the new bridge opened for traffic.

### WANTED FOR FELONY

Man Arrested for Being Drunk Faces Charge of Grand Larceny.

While Detective Kregel and Mounted Officer Smallwood were searching the West End for Aubrey ("Big") Farmer, thirty-three years old, a charge of grand larceny, he was picked up for being drunk in Broad Street by Patrolman Jennings. Shortly afterward it was discovered that he was wanted on a charge of grand larceny.

Farmer, who has before figured in Police Court for various petty offenses, is charged with stealing \$50 from W. S. Taylor, a contractor, who was taken to the station by the latter's driver.

Body Buried in Woodshed. The body of a three-month-old boy was found yesterday afternoon by Mounted Officer Smallwood buried in a woodshed in the rear of 217 Kim Street.

The boy, who admitted being the mother, was found in a charge of murder. The body had evidently been in the shed for nearly three weeks. Coroner Taylor will perform an autopsy today to ascertain the cause of death, and will probably hold an inquest to-morrow.

Says Negro Hit Him. With an ugly rash in his forehead, W. G. Martin, a negro, of 217 Kim Street, walked into the Second Police Station last night and told a story of being hit by a white man, who was a negro employee, Eugene A. Cook, with a whipstick. Mr. H. T. Hawkins, City Hospital ambulance driver, was summoned and he took several stitches in the forehead. Martin swore out a warrant for the arrest of Cook, charging him with felonious assault.

Concert at Barton Heights. A ballad concert will be given at the Barton Heights Assembly hall, to-morrow evening at 8:15 o'clock for the benefit of the organ fund of Walker's Church, in Madison Street. The program will include songs by August, Mrs. M. E. Strother, assisted by Frank Wheat, basso; Miss Ada Kuyk, accompanist; Miss Margaret Smith, dramatic reader. J. Lewis Sullivan will direct the singing.

Alleged Cruelty to Mule. K. L. Bick yesterday on a warrant sworn out by E. C. Taylor, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, charging him with cruelly working a mule.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the Hustings Court as follows: William King, George Edward Boulette and Annie Laurie King, Edward Armstrong Tabb and Mary Susan Burfoot.

Annexation Committee Called. The special Committee on Annexation of Territory has been called to meet at the City Hall on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## RETIREMENT ENDS BRILLIANT CAREER

Detective-Sergeant Thomas J. Wren Dropped by Board From Police Force Roll.

### NOW PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Figured in Many Celebrated Cases—Successor to Be Named Later—To Enlarge Station.

After long service in the Police Department, during which time he won a splendid reputation far beyond the boundaries of the State, Detective-Sergeant Thomas J. Wren was retired last night at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. His connection with the Detective Bureau will end April 15. It was upon recommendation of Dr. St. Julian Oppenheimer, police surgeon, that Sergeant Wren was retired. His physical condition was such, it was said, that he was unable to perform the required duties.

Sergeant Wren was elected a member of the Police Department on January 1, 1881, and was stationed in the Second District. He proved himself unusually efficient, and in 1888 was detailed for special duty as a detective. He was made sergeant in 1901, when the Detective Bureau was reorganized. He was always regarded as one of the shrewdest officers on the force. He figured conspicuously in many celebrated cases.

Sergeant Wren was born in Baltimore County, Md., in 1853. He came to this city at the age of seven years. Afterward he took up his occupation as a stonecutter. In 1875 he was appointed warden at the City Jail, which position he held until made a member of the police force.

Name Successor Later. The board deferred the election of a detective-sergeant to take the place of Detective Wren. There are several candidates, including Detectives J. J. Smith, Atkinson, Gentry, Sergeant Sherry and Patrolman Johnson. W. E. Harris, of Lee Ward, was elected to fill the vacancy which is created in the force by the retirement of Sergeant Wren.

The board considered a request from a member of the force to be given a three-month furlough without pay, in order to make a campaign for public office which will be filled at the next Democratic primary. It was denied.

Though no official statement was given out, it is understood that the application for the furlough came from Sergeant J. L. Zimmer, of the First District, who has been contemplating running for himself as a candidate for the position of High Constable.

Will Enlarge First Station. The contract for the enlargement of the First Police Station, which has been under consideration for a long while, was awarded to Davis Brothers for \$7,528. The improvements will consist of an enlargement of the cell-room space and a general renovation of the building.

The matter of giving a contract for new bicycles for the department was referred to the purchasing committee. J. L. Quinn was awarded the contract for supplying one motor cycle and \$600. This machine will be held in reserve for the motorcycle squad.

Rules governing the duties of the police matron, Mrs. Francis C. Gille, were adopted, as prepared by the committee appointed to draft them. A resolution was passed calling upon the City Council to confer police power upon the matron. This was done with a view of enlarging her power in the care of female and juvenile prisoners.

1,100 Arrests in March. It was reported by the Chief of Police Werner that the largest number of arrests for one month in the history of the department, was made during March, when 1,100 persons were taken into custody.

Application was made by Patrolman W. E. Newman, of the Third District, for retirement. Newman is more than sixty-five years old, and he therefore asked the board to place him on the retired list. The matter was laid on the table.

Seaboard Air Line Earnings. Approximate gross earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for the month of March show an increase of \$147,755, as compared with the corresponding month last year.

Qualifies as Administrator. Ruth W. Moore qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as administrator of the estate of Isabella Thomas Moore. The estate is valued at \$500.

Tax Case Set for Hearing. The suit of C. D. Langhorne against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, an action of a minority stockholder, to test the validity of the proposed compromise tax settlement between that road and the State of Virginia, was set for hearing on May 5 by the City Circuit Court yesterday.

Howe Will Run AGAINST TRESNON. Revenue Commissioner Has Opposition—Candidates Pay to Enter Primary.

Another contestant for public honors entered the race yesterday. T. Peter Howe, a deputy in the office of City Treasurer Pace, announced his candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Revenue, in opposition to Henry E. Tresnon. He has been in the Treasurer's office for seven years and has become familiar with the city's fiscal affairs. Mr. Howe has had the matter of his candidacy under consideration for some time.

It is worthy of note that no matter who is nominated for any office, men who now work for the public in the matter of the city will be chosen. All candidates for all city places are now employed in that building, and no outsider has entered the lists.

Candidates in the June primary have until April 12 to pay their entrance fees and file their names with Walter G. Duke, secretary of the City Democratic Committee. Those who had paid their entrance fees, up to last night are as follows:

For City Treasurer, James B. Pace.  
For Sergeant, Wilbur J. Griggs and John L. Satterfield.

For High Constable, William H. Wyatt.  
For Commissioner of Revenue, H. E. Tresnon.

For State Senate, John S. Harwood.  
For House of Delegates, Hill Montague and J. Taylor Stratton.

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ROBERTS ON TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT

Will Answer To-Day to Indictment Charging Assault on Officer.

In the United States District Court to-day Thomas A. Roberts, secretary and manager of the Henrico Distilling Company, will be placed on trial under an indictment charging him with an attempted assault upon Division Deputy Collector E. P. Southard. The difficulty grows out of the seizure of the distillery last summer, when it is charged, Roberts interfered with the officers who were investigating alleged irregularities at the plant. The defendant is charged also with staying in barrels of spirits which the officers were attempting to examine.

Court took a day off yesterday, with no case to claim its attention. Rumors that Oren T. Burroughs, who had failed to appear for trial Tuesday, would show up yesterday proved without foundation. The indicted gangster is still at large, and a capias is out for his arrest. The case of the United States against the Board, Armstrong Corporation, which was originally set for trial yesterday, was continued until the next term of court.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will be arraigned to-morrow morning on the charge of violations of the labor law.

The case against W. J. Minor has been set for trial on April 12. Charles S. Vick, who is charged with breaking into the post office at Albemarle, Brunswick County, will be tried on the same day. The case against Minnie Hahn, against whom the grand jury returned an indictment charging violations of the white slave act, has been set for trial on April 15.

## CAN COLLECT TAXES

Supreme Court Certifies City's Victory in Bradley Case.

An order was received yesterday by the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond from the clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, transmitting the order of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the city of Richmond against S. Bradley, trading as Bradley & Co., known as the "loan shark case." In the litigation, which was fought to the court of last resort, the city won a sweeping victory, its right to tax private bankers charging an excess of the legal rate of interest being affirmed.

As the cases have been pending for several years against a number of the city's bankers, which joined in the test case, it is anticipated that the City Collector will now move for the collection of back taxes against all of the delinquents.

Demur to Evidence. In the case of Kate Essie, who sued on a note for \$1,000 against the executor and executrix of the estate of Charles Saelzer, the evidence was fully heard yesterday in the Law and Equity Court. The defendants entered a demurrer to the evidence, whereupon the jury rendered a verdict in the sum of \$1,000, subject to the ruling of the court on the demurrer.

The demurrer was argued and Judge Crump reserved his decision. The defendants claim that the note was a gift, without value received, and that it was fully paid before the death of Mr. Saelzer.

Fergus Gives Bond. Frank T. Fergus, the Wilmington, N. C., youth arrested with a young woman last Monday on a charge of child abandonment, was released from custody yesterday on \$200 cash bond, furnished by R. C. Fergus. He will appear before Police Justice Crutchfield on April 30. The young woman, who was arrested as Mary Bowen, twenty years old, of Goldsboro, N. C., Mr. Fergus said, is Mary Hunter Riley, twenty-six years old, of Wilmington. She is now in a hospital with her infant.

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